

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Jackson Vinegar Company Warehouse
64 Main Street
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: 64 Main Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 5.18
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 NE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692010.4707150
Lot dimensions : 114.2'x 113' : .30 acre
Lot description: West 1/2 of Lots 8, 8A
and 8B of Block 1, Dubuque
Harbor Company Addition

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: 98'x 50'; 2 stories

Orientation : west

Architectural Plan type : 2-story rectangular, open-space warehouse.

Description : Foundation: coursed ashlar limestone perimeter walls with
tooled stone watertable.

Structure : wood frame with brick masonry bearing walls.

Ext. walls: common red brick laid in common bond.

Roof : flat composition roof with brick parapet walls.

Chimneys : all original integral exterior chimneys
removed.

Openings : (all original sash and doors removed); 2nd
floor double-hung windows (presently infilled
with concrete block with small metal windows)
arranged in triplets with ornamental cast iron
mullions and loose lintel heads; 1st floor
storefront (also infilled with concrete block
and small metal windows) featured plate glass
showcase windows framed by brick and cast
iron columns with a loose lintel head.

Details : extensively corbeled and paneled brick courses
and metal cornice on front parapet, around 2nd
floor windows and on 1st floor storefront
columns; cast iron components fabricated by
Vierling Steel Works of Chicago.

Construction Date : 1910

Architecture Style: 20th Century Functional

Physical History : Established in 1893 by Frank E. and John E. Jackson, the
Jackson Vinegar Company maintained a factory in a three-story brick building at

136 Main Street. Manufacturing and marketing vinegar, mustard, catsup, olives, pickles and baked beans, the firm grew steadily through its first two decades. "Especially well known in this section is the 'Jaxon' distilled white pickling and table vinegar," a Dubuque business directory stated. "It has gained a wide popularity on account of its excellent flavor and preserving qualities." In 1910 the Jacksons built this two-story brick warehouse one block south of the factory to house their growing volume of canned goods, and they manned it with nine workers. The firm remained in the building until about 1940. It was then occupied by the Egg Products Company until about 1948 and then by the Farber and Sons Fruit and Bag Company, the most recent tenant. In 1985 the property was acquired by the Iowa Department of Transportation in preparation for highway construction. The building maintains its overall form and its ornamental cast iron and corbeled brick detailing, but extensive alterations to its fenestration have compromised its integrity substantially.

Significance: With its 20th Century Functional massing and detailing, this relatively small brick warehouse is one of many similar structures built in Dubuque's wholesale grocery and produce district on lower Main Street.

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